

## Why Recycle?

Recycling is the process of collecting, sorting, marketing and ultimately reusing a material that otherwise would have been thrown away.

Frederick County has been pursuing the goal of recycling more and wasting less since 1991.

- State law now requires recycling at events that meet certain criteria (listed inside).
- Recycling may provide opportunities to save money on overall waste disposal costs.
- Recycling helps conserve resources and landfill space. It also helps reduce pollution and create more jobs. (Source: EPA)
- Providing recycling helps promote your facility and/or event as environmentally-friendly.

## Maryland Special Event Recycling Law



*Understanding State Regulations and Local Recycling Opportunities*

## What Should—and Should Not—Be Recycled at an Event?

**The special event's recycling plan must include collection of all basic recyclable materials present, including:**

- ✓ Empty metal, plastic and glass containers, such as bottles, cans and jars.
- ✓ Clean cardboard boxes and paper

If food will be served at the event, organizers must assess the availability of food waste recycling, and if available, provide it.

**These items are *not* recyclable:**

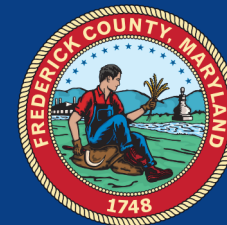
- ☒ Napkins & paper towels
- ☒ Disposable plates, cups & cutlery
- ☒ Any container that still holds food or liquids

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HOW THE STATE LAW AFFECTS YOU

## What is the Law?

Both the State of Maryland and Frederick County have set targets to divert more waste from disposal. Ensuring that visitors to large events held in public spaces have access to recycling supports these goals.

During the 2014 Regular Session, the Maryland General Assembly enacted a new provision requiring event organizers to provide recycling at any special event that:

- Includes temporary or periodic use of a public street, publicly owned facility or public park; AND
- serves food or drink; AND
- is expected to have 200 or more persons in attendance.

A complete reading of the law's text can be found by online by searching for the **MD Annotated Code, Environment Section 9-1712**.



## Responsibilities of Event Organizers

In addition to other conditions required as part of a special events or other permit, organizers need to:

- Provide for any labor or equipment necessary to carry out recycling at the event.
- Provide a recycle bin adjacent to each trash can at the event.
- Ensure that recycling and trash containers are easily distinguished by color and/or signage.
- Ensure that the collected recyclable materials are processed for recycling.
- Pay any costs associated with recycling at the event.

**The new state law takes effect on October 1, 2015.**

To learn more or download educational materials, please visit our website:  
**[www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling)**

## Special Events Recycling Plan

### 1. Set Up the Service

Special events organizers may fulfill the state requirement and ensure that materials are collected and delivered for recycling through one or more of the following methods:

- Transport recyclable materials to the Frederick County transfer station and pay the prevailing tipping fee for commercial recycling.
- Contract a recycling hauler to collect materials and deliver them for recycling.
- Receive prior agreement from the site owner to use the site's existing recycling system.

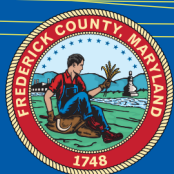
### 2. Implement and Monitor Recycling

Event organizers must determine what size/how many recycling containers are needed and where they will go. Remember that you may be able to downsize your waste collection containers. Organizers should oversee placement and labeling of recycling containers.

During the event, organizers should monitor the performance of any recycling contractor involved to ensure compliance with the recycling plan.

### 3. Educate Participants

To ensure success, make sure event attendees know what is recyclable and what should be disposed as waste. **Printable materials and templates for container labels are available on the County website:**  
**[FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling](http://FrederickCountyMD.gov/EventRecycling)**



Detailed information on Frederick County's recycling program may be found online at:  
**[www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/recycle)** as well as downloaded in a convenient mobile app:  
**[www.my-waste.mobi/FrederickMD](http://www.my-waste.mobi/FrederickMD)**

